

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Bent NEUBERT

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For: A METHOD AND A SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING SLAUGHTER EQUIPMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first paragraph:

--The application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/DK00/00357, whose International filing date is June 30, 2000, which was published under PCT Article 21 (2) in English, the disclosure of which Application are incorporated by reference herein.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

Claim 6 (Amended). Use of a glove holding member as claimed in claim 1, in a system for transporting and/or cleaning of slaughter equipment, said system comprising at least one transporting and/or cleaning device for slaughter equipment, characterized in that the base (16,

41) of said glove holding member (14, 37) is provided with engagement means for releasable engagement with glove holder mounting means provided by said transporting and/or cleaning device.

Claim 10 (Amended). Use as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that said transporting and/or cleaning device comprises a trolley for transportation of slaughter equipment to and from a cleaning installation.

Claim 14 (Amended). Use of a knife holding member as claimed in claim 11, in a system for transporting and/or cleaning of slaughter equipment, said system comprising at least one transporting and/or cleaning device for slaughter equipment, characterized in that the basket (4) of said knife holding member is provided at either end of said row of compartments (12) with gripping means (13) positioned at a level above the end faces (107) of said compartments (12) exceeding the maximum length of the knife handles (103), said gripping means (13) being engageable by knife holder mounting means (26') provided by said transporting and/or cleaning device.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the following new Abstract on the following page:

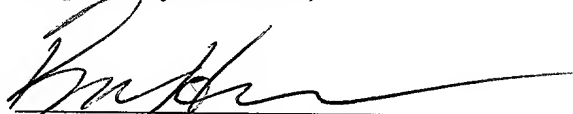
--ABSTRACT

A method and a system for transporting and cleaning slaughter equipment especially knives (3), gloves and aprons at slaughterhouses, the system comprising knife holding members for receiving and releasably holding one or more knives (3), glove holding members for receiving and releasably holding the gloves, apron holding members for receiving and releasably holding the aprons and a cleaning installation for cleaning the knives and/or gloves and/or aprons and/or the holding members. The holding members may be transported on trolleys, and the knife holding members may comprise a basket (4), wherein the knives are positioned so that the blunt knives have a different orientation than the other knives. The basket (4) may be positioned on the trolley on projections (26') through the handgrips (13).--

REMARKS

The Amendments made to the claims place the application in proper format for examination purposes. No new matter has been added. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Prior to the first full paragraph, please insert the following:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

Claim 6 (Amended). Use of a glove holding member as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, in a system for transporting and/or cleaning of slaughter equipment, said system comprising at least one transporting and/or cleaning device for slaughter equipment, characterized in that the base (16, 41) of said glove holding member (14, 37) is provided with engagement means for releasable engagement with glove holder mounting means provided by said transporting and/or cleaning device.

Claim 10 (Amended). Use as claimed in ~~any of claims 6 to 9~~ claim 6, characterized in that said transporting and/or cleaning device comprises a trolley for transportation of slaughter equipment to and from a cleaning installation.

Claim 14 (Amended). Use of a knife holding member as claimed in ~~any of claims 11 to 13~~ claim 11, in a system for transporting and/or cleaning of slaughter equipment, said system comprising at least one transporting and/or cleaning device for slaughter equipment, characterized in that the basket (4) of said knife holding member is provided at either end of said row of compartments (12) with gripping means (13) positioned at a level above the end faces (107) of said compartments (12) exceeding the maximum length of the knife handles (103), said gripping means (13) being engageable by knife holder mounting means (26') provided by said transporting and/or cleaning device.

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Please add the following new Abstract:

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